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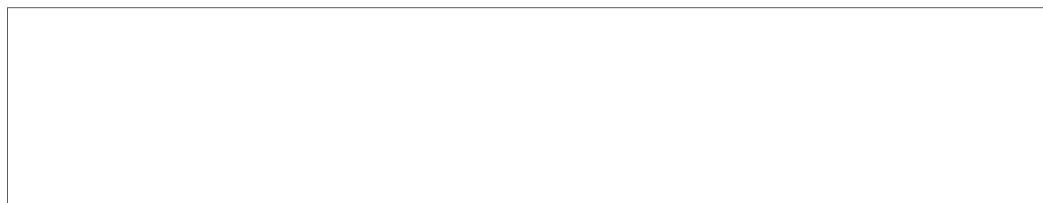
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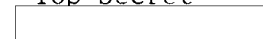
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## BELGIUM-NETHERLANDS: Air Defense Modernization

*Budgetary problems in Belgium and the Netherlands are jeopardizing the effectiveness and planned modernization of NATO's surface-to-air missiles in West Germany.* [redacted]

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The Dutch plan to phase out two of their four Nike Hercules SAM squadrons by 1984 and to replace the Nike beginning in 1986--two years earlier than originally scheduled--with the Patriot SAM system. The Patriot is less expensive to operate and maintain. [redacted]

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According to US Embassy sources, senior Dutch Air Force officers are concerned that Defense Minister de Ruiter, who is currently in the US, may cancel or delay acquisition of the Patriot system and divert the funds to naval shipbuilding to help ease unemployment. De Ruiter reportedly may explore US willingness to purchase the Patriot for the Dutch in exchange for their provision of air defense for US bases in the Netherlands. [redacted]

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The Belgians plan to deactivate two of their eight Nike squadrons this year--rather than in 1987. They have begun consultations with NATO on not replacing the other six units when they are deactivated in the late 1980s. Belgian officials claim both decisions are based on budget constraints and on the belief that not buying the Patriot would save the most money while causing the least harm to Belgium's overall capabilities. [redacted]

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A West German diplomat says his government is urging Belgium to reverse its decisions, especially on acquisition of the Patriot. The West Germans are concerned the Belgian decision could influence the Dutch and that, if both were to withdraw, NATO would have to reconsider the concept of an integrated SAM belt. [redacted]

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Comment: Dutch and Belgian Nike squadrons in West Germany represent one-fourth of the medium- to high-altitude SAMs in NATO's integrated air defense system in Central Europe. Their deactivation without replacement would create significant gaps in the northern portion of the system. Early replacement of the Nike--

[redacted] by the conventional Patriot system may be politically desirable, but Dutch defense funds may be insufficient to buy both the Patriot and F-16 aircraft in the mid-1980s. [redacted]

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FRANCE-USSR: Cheysson's Visit to Moscow

*Foreign Minister Cheysson will arrive in Moscow tomorrow for talks on a wide range of political and economic issues.* [redacted]

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Bilateral relations have been cool, and the visit will mark the first high-level political exchange since President Mitterrand's election in 1981. The ostensible reason for the trip is to conclude a long-term agreement on technical and scientific cooperation. Previous visits at the ministerial level since Mitterrand became President have been concerned only with economic matters. [redacted]

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Cheysson publicly says the trip is a return to more normal relations and provides an opportunity to become acquainted with the new leadership in Moscow. He argues it is necessary to maintain a dialogue during a time of East-West tension. The press speculates he may raise the possibility of a meeting between Mitterrand and General Secretary Andropov. [redacted]

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Paris, however, continues to oppose the occupation of Afghanistan, to blame the USSR for the imposition of martial law in Poland, and to regard the SS-20 buildup as a direct threat to France. Cheysson criticized the Soviets on all three counts when he announced his trip. [redacted]

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Comment: Soviet officials are unlikely to make much progress in trying to persuade Cheysson that France should moderate its opposition to the USSR's policies on INF, Afghanistan, and Poland. Although there have been limited signs of improvement recently in economic relations, the Soviets still enjoy a large surplus in bilateral trade. As a result, Cheysson probably will urge his hosts to help achieve a more even balance. [redacted]

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## CHINA: New Director for Party Personnel

*The reported appointment of a new director of the Organization Department--the party's personnel bureau--strengthens Secretary General Hu Yaobang in the leadership but also underscores the checks on his power.* [redacted]

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Director Chen Yeping is a member of the reform coalition of Deng Xiaoping and Hu Yaobang and, like them, was purged during the Cultural Revolution. Since his rehabilitation in 1978, Chen has worked closely with Hu in the Propaganda and Organization Departments, which Hu formerly headed. Chen is expected to play a major role in the party purge that is to begin this summer. [redacted]

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Chen is an older official who was elected to the Central Advisory Commission--a retirement sinecure--at the 12th Party Congress last September. [redacted]

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Comment: Chen appears to be a compromise candidate. [redacted]

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Hu has made progress in consolidating his personal power base since becoming party head in June 1981, but he has to tighten his control over the government and party apparatus to guarantee his position after Deng's departure. About 60 of Hu's associates are now serving in party and government organizations, and the impending purge of party members will provide him another opportunity to expand his influence. [redacted]

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CYPRUS: Kyprianou Reelected

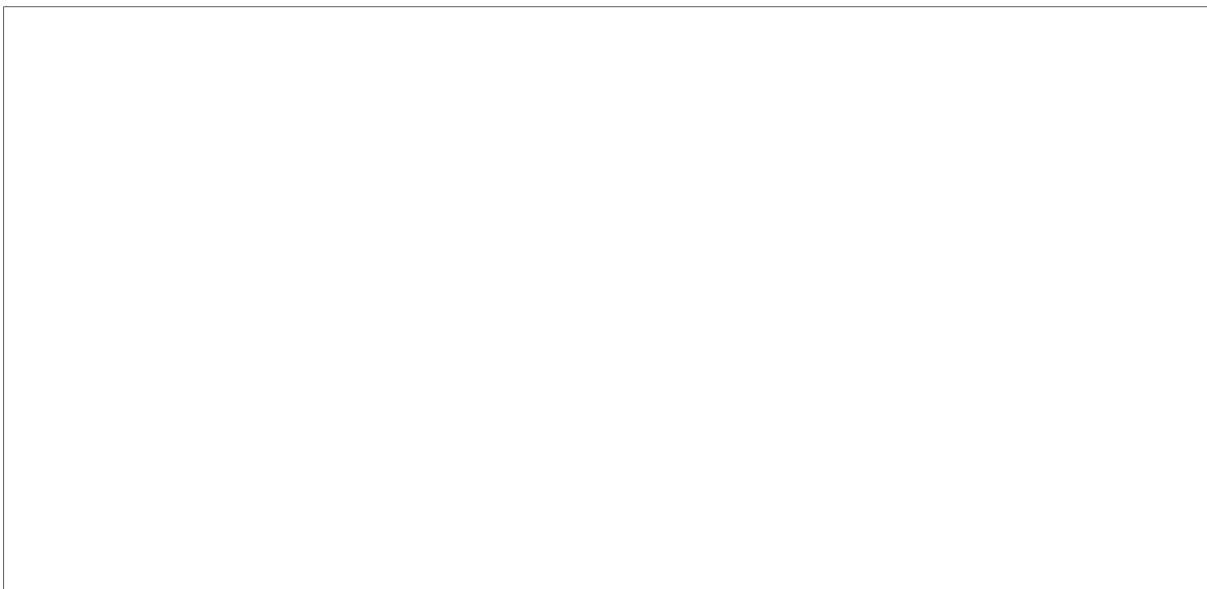
President Kyprianou, following his reelection on Sunday to a second five-year term, has vowed to work to restore political harmony by reviving and expanding an interparty group created by the late President Makarios to set policy toward the Turkish Cypriots. He also has said his attendance at the coming Nonaligned Summit and a UN debate on the Cyprus problem in March or April proposed by the Greek Cypriots are the best opportunities for breaking the deadlock in the dispute. [redacted]

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Comment: Although Kyprianou received more than half of his vote from the Communists, his comfortable margin of victory appears attributable to support from centrists who earlier had abandoned his moderate-conservative Democratic Party. Centrist support will strengthen the President's hand in fending off Communist demands, but the political tensions resulting from Kyprianou's electoral pact with the Communists will not easily dissipate. Kyprianou's references to international meetings suggest he will devote more energy to bringing foreign pressure to bear on Turkey than to developing a dialogue in the UN-sponsored intercommunal talks. [redacted]

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